

# COMMITTEE REPORT

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## MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 50, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1       Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
- 2       paragraph and insert:
- 3       "SECTION 1. IC 12-17-15-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.121-1999,
- 4       SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 5       JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 6. (a) The ~~section~~ **division** shall do the following:
- 6       (1) Carry out the general administration and supervision of
- 7       programs and activities receiving assistance under this chapter,
- 8       monitor programs and activities implemented by the state,
- 9       regardless of whether the programs and activities are receiving
- 10      assistance under this chapter, and ensure that the state complies
- 11      with 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1445 in implementing this chapter.
- 12      (2) Identify and coordinate all available resources from federal,
- 13      state, local, and private sources, including public and private
- 14      insurance coverage and utilizing all existing applicable resources
- 15      to the full extent of the resources.
- 16      (3) Develop the procedures to ensure that early intervention
- 17      services are provided to infants and toddlers with disabilities and
- 18      their families in a timely manner pending the resolution of
- 19      disputes among public agencies and providers.
- 20      (4) Resolve disputes within an agency or between agencies.
- 21      (5) Enter into formal interagency agreements that define the

financial responsibility of each agency for paying for early intervention services consistent with Indiana law and procedures for resolving disputes, including all additional components necessary to ensure meaningful cooperation and coordination.

(b) The state shall designate an individual or entity responsible for assigning financial responsibility among appropriate agencies under this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 12-17-15-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 10. (a) The governor shall:

(1) designate a member of the council to serve as the chairman of the council; or

(2) require the council to designate a chairman from within its membership.

(b) A member of the council who is a representative of the ~~section~~ **division** may not serve as chairman of the council.

(c) A chairman may be reappointed for succeeding terms.

SECTION 3. IC 12-17-15-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.121-1999, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 15. The council shall do the following:

(1) Advise and assist the ~~section~~ **division** in the performance of the responsibilities set forth in section 6 of this chapter, particularly the following:

(A) Identification of the sources of fiscal and other support for services for early intervention programs.

(B) Use of the existing resources to the full extent in implementing early intervention programs.

(C) Assignment of financial responsibility to the appropriate agency.

(D) Promotion of the interagency agreements.

(2) Advise and assist the ~~section~~ **division** in the preparation of applications required under 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1445.

(3) Prepare and submit an annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and the United States Secretary of Education by November 1 of each year concerning the status of early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

(4) Periodically request from the agencies responsible for providing early childhood intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and preschool special education programs written reports concerning the implementation of each agency's respective programs.

1 (5) Make recommendations to the various agencies concerning  
 2 improvements to each agency's delivery of services.

3 (6) Otherwise comply with 20 U.S.C. 1441.

4 SECTION 4. IC 12-17-15-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.121-1999,  
 5 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 6 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 16. (a) To the extent that the services are  
 7 appropriate, the council shall advise and assist the department of  
 8 education regarding the transition of toddlers with disabilities to  
 9 preschool special education services under IC 20-1-6.

10 (b) The council may advise and assist the ~~section~~ **division** and the  
 11 department of education regarding the provision of appropriate services  
 12 for children who are five (5) years of age or younger.

13 SECTION 5. IC 12-17-15-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.121-1999,  
 14 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 15 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 17. Upon the recommendations of the council, the  
 16 ~~section~~ **division** shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 providing for a  
 17 statewide system of coordinated, comprehensive, multidisciplinary,  
 18 interagency programs that provide appropriate early intervention  
 19 services to all infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families  
 20 to the extent required under 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1445."

21 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
 (Reference is to SB 50 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass .**

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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**Senator Miller, Chairperson**